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## War Memorial Campaign Speech

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7 Nov. 1947 City Hall  
Mr. Chairman, R.F. Drouin, [REDACTED], Ladies and Gentlemen:

This public rally to-night officially opens the campaign for a fitting War Memorial.

It is my sincere belief that every citizen is willing to do the utmost in this great enterprise. I have the greatest confidence in you and I know we can succeed.

I take this occasion to express my sincere appreciation to every member of the committee. All of them deserve your entire support. Some of them will tell you about the Memorial itself. They are at your service, but they need your confidence.

The Memorial is not my project. It is YOURS. It will be what YOU want it to be. The committee members are at your command.

Whether you have a preference for hockey, skating, basketball, indoor circus, boxing, concerts, conventions, you will be interested in the proposed Memorial. And all of you, I am sure, are interested in fighting against juvenile delinquency. All of you are interested in the future of ~~the~~ your city. I know you can do a job if you want to.

Let us work together and show the world what civic spirit and determination can accomplish.

Let us make of Lewiston a living city. Let us prove this time that we mean business. Let everyone do a little bit. Let the businessmen make sure that our sports fans won't have to spend anymore of their money out of town for entertainments they could as well see right here. Let the hundreds of music lovers have a magnificent hall for concerts. Let us have something good and complete. Let us build NOW for to-morrow.

In closing may I appeal to everyone to become a member of this drive. I am grateful to every organization that has appointed a committee to work with us. ~~Xxkrcwzwe~~ We shall call on those volunteers in the near future. I know we can depend on the support of the entire community.

From now on, ladies and gentlemen, it is going to be: "United to the end!"



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